

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action of Paper No. 20060724. With entry of this amendment, claims 2, 4-9 and 12-18 remain pending in the application. Claims 5, 7-9, 12, 14 and 16 are currently amended while claims 10 and 11 are currently canceled. Currently, claims 7-9, 14 and 16 are objected to based on various informalities detailed in Paper No. 20060724, page 2. Applicant submits that the amendments to these claims have been made in conformance with the outstanding Office Action and as such, these objections are submitted to no longer be proper. Additionally, claims 2 and 4-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The rejection as to claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Remarks Directed to Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The basis of this rejection is whether the claims are intended to be drawn to a yard waste bag loading assembly alone or in combination with a yard waste bag. To this end, Applicant has amended claim 5 to clearly delineate that the yard waste bag is itself not part of the inventive assembly although such a bag is readily accommodated within the inventive assembly. As such, pending claim 5 and those claims that depend therefrom are now drawn to the subcombination of the assembly and as such positive recitation of a yard waste bag within the body of the claim has been removed.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as to the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is requested.

Summary

With entry of this amendment, claims 2, 4-9 and 12-18 are presented in condition for allowance. Amendments to claim 5 are submitted to have removed any indefiniteness with respect to the only independent claim, claim 5. Amendments to claims 7-9, 12, 14 and 16 are submitted to have overcome the outstanding claim objections. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled. Upon consideration of this amendment, and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, the claims are now submitted to be in allowable form. Should the Examiner have any suggestions as to how to improve the form of the pending claims, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney in charge of this application to resolve any outstanding issues.

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